

Response	Do you have any additional comments or concerns you would like to have shared with the Columbia County Board of Education and school administrators?
Parent	I pay school taxes for my kids to be taught in school by a teacher. I'm a damn builder not a teacher.
Parent	The idea that children, parents, or teachers are better served by making teachers go in to work to digitally interact for less time, over less material, with students who are less motivated, is so asinine I can't believe it was ever approved. It has been shown over and over that kids who had to switch to fully digital learning due to the pandemic are behind in multiple key skills, not least of which is behavioral and social maturity. It is insane to ask children to be responsible at this level and disrespectful to parents to have to choose between work and their children's education. Quite frankly, it's classist to assume people have access to childcare or PTO. It's also discriminatory to children who have special learning needs that can be met by an IEP but certainly can't be met by a home computer. I would love to meet the child who still doesn't have basic digital media skills in this day and age. The idea that this laughable excuse for a day was better for anyone shows a complete and utter lack of regard for all parties involved. I would be shocked beyond belief if even 20% of the decision making team for this were actual classroom educators. This SCREAMS of a decision made by people that don't have to interact with students or parents in a meaningful way. We are one of the best counties in the state. Do. Better.
Parent	Kids need to be in school learning from the teachers that get paid to teach them. Tired of my kids asking questions about things they don't understand only to have me try and google and figure out the answers.
Taxpayer	My husband had a hard time getting off work due to the amount of employees that requested off. To truly facilitate this in a positive way, you are requiring parents use their personal leave or go unpaid. If there is going to be a digital learning day, it should be assignments put into a digital platform, which could include videos at the teachers discretion, to be completed independently by the students at the parents discretion. This would more mimic what I have seen college courses to entail. The live sessions were a nightmare!
Teacher	As a 1st Grade Elementary teacher I feel like this was a waste of time. Students struggle with logging in and using the tools on Google Classroom. I used hours of instructional time trying to teach these skills that were taken away from my daily instruction time. This also occurred right after I-Ready testing so there was a lot to juggle as a teacher. I think that day would have been better served spending more time planning engaging lessons with co-workers and having more time to parent-teacher conference. There was no learning tools for teachers before digital learning who were not comfortable with Google Meets and creating a Google Classroom. This should have been available for these teachers. I spend many hours of my own time teaching my co-worker how to do all of this and she was a nervous wreck the day of. I was happy to help her, but it was not far for her.

Taxpayer	<p>Digital learning is NO substitute for actual in class teaching. We have seen extensively how "at home learning" sets our children back months, if not years. We have also seen how the most at risk children are the most damaged by this lack of responsible teaching. I do not want my tax dollars wasted on this model. Teachers want to teach, and children want to learn. Children who rely on the free or reduced breakfasts and lunches NEED to be in school to receive this benefit. My tax dollars pay for these meals, and I want to ensure that the children receive the nutrition that I am paying for. Without healthy meals and full bellies, these kids are not receptive to any type of learning whatsoever. Please, do not try to give administrators a break and put our children at risk. You may see my tax dollars disappear if you try this. Additionally, as a retired military family, we have an extensive reach into the local military community. There is currently a large amount of dissatisfaction among this group, and there is talk of forming a home school co-op to both protect and teach our children. With so many retired officers and wives available, this would be the best option for military families who would be comfortable with this model ... and more than happy that the extra tax dollars do not benefit a school system that does not have the students' best interest at heart. Choose wisely.</p>
Parent	<p>Only one of my student's classes had him do anything except check in. One class actually had an assignment, but no instructor or class interaction. It was, in my opinion, a waste as my student garnered no real benefit from it.</p>
Parent	<p>This "Digital Learning Day" was a ridiculous idea by someone in the county that gets paid too much to have these bad ideas. This required me to take a day off of work to allow my kids to participate in this blow-off day. Columbia County BOE is trying to be a model for the nation so I hear...it's needs to look at actually research in best practices and proven curriculum to begin to lead anything. Our kids entered CCBOE at least two years ahead their grade level. They are not challenged in the Columbia County Schools. We have to pick up the slack from what they aren't learning in school.</p>
Parent	<p>Kids are in public school for a reason. If I felt they needed to home school we would do that: don't turn public school into homeschool.</p>
Parent	<p>This is fine for students with stay at home parents, but most kids aren't those kids. It is also a detriment to many children with special needs.</p>
Parent	<p>Our experience was poor, mostly because the teacher failed to send home the materials (worksheets, etc) needed for a successful event.</p>
Parent	<p>We pay for our kids to go to school...not to be at home learning. We learned during COVID that kids need to be in school, face to face. This was a waste of time. As a working mom I had to take the day off to be home to help with school work.</p>
Parent	<p>Luckily my husband decided to take the day off to help my girls.. for elementary, my daughter only needed help getting signed in through classlink.. For my high schooler.. well, her lessons/activities took her OVER 6 hours and by that time we told her to call it quits and enjoy her long weekend. HIGHLY disappointed and 100% do not recommend</p>

Taxpayer	This concept seems to have sprung out of the COVID lock-downs, where children were sent home and teacher unions lobbied to keep schools closed. All matrices show that education suffered during this ill conceived experiment so why is the BoE attempting to continue this failed initiative? This digital learning idea tells me that the school system is admitting defeat. This digital learning idea tells me that children would be better served completing self study courses at home. This digital learning idea tells me we should just close the schools, sell off the assets, give the tax payers their money back, and tell the parents to figure it out for themselves. This digital learning idea tells me that my tax money is being taken from me and wasted by educators that would rather just not have to deal with their students and prefer to send them home to learn on their own.
Parent	It was absolutely a train wreck for my second grader. We had no direction. The teacher took a break and 10 kids stayed on class room. Teacher never came back or told the kids to leave the classroom and re-enter for a new subject. Kids stayed in the classroom asking where did the teacher go and sharing stuff animal pictures missing the rest of the instruction time. We had no directions to find other subjects or classroom meets. Do we use seasaw? Do we use classroom? It was so awful, and waste of time and I had to use a vacation day for this. I should have just sent him to daycare after school.
Parent	This was a dumb idea just let them have a half day or just V let them stay home
Parent	CCBOE made a poor choice in putting the DLD against a holiday weekend. I'm not sure what the point was? It was triggering for kids who lived through 2020 and very frustrating. 100% would not recommend in the future.
Parent	A computer was sent home with my child he had no problem logging in . He seen some of his classmates he seem to enjoy learning digital.
Parent	We need an agenda to know what to do when. I received passwords for certain sites, but no agenda to let me know what to use at what time.
Parent	This is a terrible way to get a well rounded education
Parent	I wish we had more digital learning days! It was nice to have lunch with my children and hear what their classes were up to without needing to volunteer in person. Not sitting in the car line was another MAJOR bonus. I'm so grateful for the advent of digital learning and really hope we can utilize it more adventurously moving forward.
Parent	My children love their teachers and love being with them at school. Learning to use technology is very important, but the elementary students are pushed to use a great amount of technology at school as it is. I don't think this was a beneficial experience for my children. In person learning cannot be replaced for 6 and 9 year olds. I could see this being successful in middle or high school.
Parent	If digital learning continues, will my taxes go down
Parent	With tech errors across the board from all 3 of my kids teachers, to ClassLink passwords not working, We spent more time trying to work out internet issues, app issues, password issues, ect than anything. HUGE fail Columbia County! Waste of in person learning, and interrupted my kids normal schedules!
Parent	Computers messed up ,so teacher could not continue .
Parent	No more of these kinds of days. Kids need to be in school.
Parent	Comparing quality of learning with early release, digital learning days are far better.

Taxpayer	Although I have no children in CC schools, I have heard from other parents that trying to accommodate their own children (different ages/grade levels) was quite a juggling act. I understand that one of the objectives was acquiring skills for the 21st century. I don't know that a half day of digital learning meets that objective. In theory, yes, it may meet the objective; in practice, I'm not convinced of that. As a taxpayer, I don't know that a half-day of digital learning/instruction is the best use of taxpayer dollars.
Parent	My 3rd grader's comment was that she was confident she could do DLD because she "uses a computer ALL the time in school". There was nothing new to learn from this experience, especially not for elementary school children. A much more practical computer skill for young children would be typing, which my daughter had in a previous school setting.
Taxpayer	This is wasted time, saw many kids in town early they need the classroom time
Parent	I believe we need to get our children brought up to speed in person after the pandemic and quarantine rather than worrying about them learning from home.
Parent	Would love to have this as an option for our household weekly!!! ***but not mandatory for cases in which would hurt a families income.
Parent	There was no new information taught during this time, mostly review. My daughter and most children know how to navigate a computer since it's part of the school curriculum so that objective was meaningless. I felt it a waste of time.
Parent	It's incredibly stressful for working parents, especially with small children who need you to act as their proxy. Children do just fine with technology since they're born into it. They've been fully immersed! Additionally, with classes geared toward technology, this isn't necessary. All it did for us was create more stress and work.
Parent	Having the live lesson made this extremely difficult. It didn't add any flexibility. I really did not think this was anything but stressful.
Taxpayer	As a taxpayer with two grown children, I have no real understanding of the recent "Digital Learning Day" that occurred. However, as an IT professional in the IT industry for over 20 years, I can't think of a better idea if, and only if, it is tightly controlled, ensuring the students get maximum benefit. If there are too many students in the "digital Classroom", there are too many opportunities for failure. Keep it at a ratio of ten students per instructor, and ensure the digital learning is an active learning event.
Taxpayer	I'm sorry I didn't hear about this in advance. As an interested member of the community, I would have liked to participate or at least observed.
Parent	I know that a lot of parents are complaining on social media, but those same parents allow their children to use social media and video games that connect them with their friends regularly. For those that take full advantage of these digital days, parents can plan other enriching activities and trips (ex. Zoo, Planetarium, science center) because the digital learning day can be done from anywhere that has a secure network. After all experience is the best educator. Additionally, as a former teacher I understand the importance of rest and time away from students. It may seem small, but I honestly think the digital days likely help teachers to "catch up" on work they would otherwise have to use their own time to complete. I hope that you add additional days, but at the very least, I hope that you don't take the 2 days away from folks that want to give their children more experiences.

Taxpayer	Please stop following the agenda of the left liberals. Absolutely do not allow CRT to be taught in our schools. Return to teaching real American history, civility, respect for authority, and do not buy into the "pronoun" debacle.
Parent	My son does not do well with the digital learning. During Covid with the learn from home he went from a straight A student to struggling to pass. He did not learn a lot of the core requirements for his classes. He has struggled ever since and does not get any advancement in the learn from home days.
Parent	Overall it went smooth - digital days prior to holiday was a great idea.
Parent	Students learn best when they are physically present with a facilitator and other students to engage with.
Parent	Digital learning days don't teach children anything other than how to skate by doing the bare minimum. Every "class" my child attended ended early, with little to no instruction. He complained about it and claimed that his classmates also felt the same way, stating that they all preferred to be IN school. This is NOT how we want to see our tax dollars spent. The kids learn nothing this way.
Parent	Digital learning days are an enormous disruption to working families. Many children I observed were not able to participate because they were required to go to offices with working parents. Remote or virtual learning is no substitute for students with inadequate infrastructure, working parents, weak work ethic, inability to focus and at home with incredible distractions. As a County taxpayer, I DO NOT support these "remote learning" days and DO NOT support lockdowns, masking, isolation of our children, or similar. Do away with this insufficient teaching method and get back to teaching our children in person. Thank you.
Parent	I enjoyed this much more than the half day! As a mother with children in 3 different schools, half days mean I'm in the car almost from morning until pickup. I also enjoyed that my middle & high school students got to sleep in a little and still get instruction while learning to navigate online platforms.
Parent	This was a total disaster. The teacher was well prepared but having multiple children with a single computer led to time issues. Multiple distractions form other students (pets, play, etc) Additionally it cost us a days pay to take the time off for this. We pay high taxes to have the kids IN CLASS, not at home. I reviewed studies that say that remote learning is not the proper way to educate and in person learning is the best way. Whoever thought of this should be fired!
Taxpayer	Mandatory digital learning days will be a hardship on many families while only a few will be happy to have them. Why would the school system want to burden families to seek childcare or have to take off work? If there are digital learning days they should be optional for the parent to decide if it will work for their family.
Parent	The digital learning day was extremely difficult for this dual working household. I actually brought my elementary student with me to work, which I can do because I own my own business, but I can't imagine how challenging that is for hourly workers who don't have that ability. I stated it was worse than in person not because the teachers did a poor job, but rather with my youngest being a 2nd grader, there were approximately 35 students on 1 google meet with 1 instructor. That instructor was phenomenal, but 35 7-year olds on a google meet is absurd.
Parent	Digital learning should not be a part of the school system. We pay taxes and good salaries for our teachers to teach our students in school. Everyone needs to have a digital break... off all digital devices! It's ruining our human communication!
Parent	Complete joke. Absolute shit-show. Wouldn't expect anything less.

Parent	This is great instead of having to come to school for a half day.
Parent	Digital learning is a better use of time then sending kids to school for half of the day.
Parent	This is too difficult for working parents to accommodate.
Parent	I had to take time off of work and I had to borrow a computer. My son did okay with it but it was very stressful to have to take the day off and not have any paid time off. The kids only did ab 45 mins of real lessons . I am a single mom and I work full time. It seemed pointless to me.
Parent	It's good to do it from time to time to make sure the system stays operational just in case there is ever a need to switch over. Definitely not the same level of learning as in person classes but also definitely better than nothing.
Parent	This is putting an extra burden on the parents. Single parents that have jobs and limited resources and babysitters or family/friends that could help. Many parents cannot take off work and it becomes an added stress. Thank you
Parent	1) not easy for parents to have child care for those days and make sure their work is completed. 2)if multiple children live in a household, most will only be able to watch the videos later in the day while one child participates in the live feed. 3) other school staff like lunch ladies and bus drivers have to find other means to earn that days wage in the form of meetings. They would have to arrange for childcare to attend those meetings and their children will have to wait to complete the class work. 4) unless the kids can be on Google Classroom at the time of the class meetings then they do not have an opportunity to ask questions if they do not understand the work. 5) not all files will work properly resulting in the students still having to complete the work on the next normal class day. 6) students cannot interact with their peers unless able to attend the live feed. 7) students are very easily to become distracted at home, especially elementary aged students.

Parent	<p>I sent the following note in via the school district's survey, but I am happy to make it public to see if other's share my opinions on this matter. The following reasons are why we should NOT have had a digital learning day (directed at the CCSD): 1) You sent out a survey last year about whether or not we should have digital learning days. I know because I filled it out. But on that survey, it asked about technology available. It did NOT ask about parent availability. It did not ask if there were two working parents in the home where one would have to take off a day from work to help their 1st grader log into a classroom when they could be at work providing for their family. Most parents have a childcare plan for days that kids are out of school that allows them to be at work. But a childcare plan that requires them to be with their child to help them log in to school??? Not practical for most working parents. Especially single parents. 2) While we are on the subject of working parents, what about YOUR TEACHERS!!!!????!!!! You know, the ones having to WORK while their CHILDREN needed to be logged into school FROM HOME!!! None of this makes any sense. At all. And just to clarify. I am not a school teacher. I just cannot see why a school system would prejudice itself against its own staff in this manner. 3)Your digital learning day was poorly executed and poorly communicated. My high schooler barely knew what he needed to do until the day before. Additionally, I know for a fact that ELEMENTARY TEACHERS were informed on Monday afternoon of this week to let their students' parents know they that IF they needed to do a technology pickup, it HAD TO BE (For my youngest' school) on Wednesday from 10am to 2pm. Like, a day later. Well... what if a parent had to work on Wednesday? What if both parents had to work on Wednesday and could not come pick up technology, but also had already taken off Friday?? Additionally, since technology could not be sent home directly with students, (WHY???) the parents had to bring the technology BACK on Tuesday. Well, what if their child takes the bus on Tuesday mornings? So now, you are expecting parents who don't have adequate technology to have to forego some portion of work for THREE (3) POTENTIAL DAYS in one week, all for a 4 hour digital learning day??? And guess what? Who is most likely going to need assistance with enough technology? Lower socio-economic class families. So now you are discriminating against those as well. 4) Teachers. Oh, how I FEEL for your teachers. I know lots of teachers. And yet another reason why you will not be given my name or my children's name is I do not believe you would not bring retribution against these dear, dear friends of mine. Of all of the teachers I know, there is not a single one that thought this was a good idea. Did you survey them as well?? I don't know, but I would lean a guess towards, "NO." All of them had to do double and triple work, make sure students had enough technology, make sure parents had all of the information, be IT troubleshooting, and STILL teach the classes online today, and on top of that, many parents were BLAMING THEM, saying this was their idea, that they were lazy and didn't want students in their classroom. I assure you, I know that they did. And my heart just aches for them, that you, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, would put them in this position. How. Dare. You. Covid has proven to all of us that we need to have an option for online learning. But one of the beauties of online learning is the "work at your own pace" capabilities. The ability to pre-record lessons and let students work through them on a convenient schedule. That was NOT what this Digital Learning Day did, and it was a complete waste of time, energy and resources for all involved. And for one further note, I will say this. I have three college degrees, including two graduate degrees. I don't say this for pedigree. I say this because I personally have taken dozens of online</p>
Parent	<p>While I ^{do} think these are skills needed, some classes were better than others. Perhaps only use Math, English, Science and Social Studies. Not sure how this could be accomplished.</p>
Parent	<p>Personally the platforms used is not friendly, only work with computer, I have to tried several times in tables and my phone to realice is not work properly unless you use a desktop o laptop. Also I have to request 1 day off of work to stay at home with my children.</p>

Parent	Digital learning for a half day is far better than in-person where in-person requires all the time and resources to get kids to school for three hours where they hardly do a thing when there. I would not prefer digital for a full day, but I think it's ideal for half days. I said "not applicable" for comparing digital learning to in-person learning because I have two different answers depending on if it's in comparison to a half or full day.
Parent	Most objectives weren't met because we couldn't get signed. On. No new material was taught. The learning of new tools need to be done in the classroom where an instructor can assist with issues. I feel as the parent, when i am required to attend the lesson and instruct the child step by step it defeats the role of the teacher. Learning technology is something that requires someone with knowledge of the system program. This needs to be done at school in a computer lab with a technology specialist assistance.
Parent	I really don't think the elementary school children got anything out of it. If digital learning resumes I think it is ok for middle and high schoolers. Honestly I think they should just give the kids the day off.
Taxpayer	As a taxpayer I have just as much invested in this as taxpayers with children. We homeschooled my daughter and didn't have the option of using the money we earned for her education . Taxpayers are burdened under excessive taxes for local education. It is a poor return on investment for the results. Parents are at fault I know as well, but should on line learning be increased? If it is quality ;access to individual help whether by computer, phone or in person need to be available from the teachers, not just left for the students or parents to Figure out. Less time at the facility should be accompanied by less taxpayer expense as well.
Parent	After taking a day off without pay, then spending 3 hours trying to log on, this is a waste of the day. Once connected, the teacher was in the school classroom. Why not just have the kids in school as well?
Parent	Maybe offer live help for students who need it. Like Peer support
Parent	I would rather have digital days than half days, but I'm not a fan of either.
Parent	1. Very disruptive to parent's work schedule. Had to find and enlist family members to take care of children during this whole day to avoid losing time from work. 2. Found the quality of education poor. Children had no handouts to follow online class presentations. Children watching the online presentations were bored due to much repetition. Difficult to complete some assignment and get them submitted. 3. Got email saying child did not attend although child did log-in, attended and participated. 4 days later received message saying that she did attend. 4. Took a lot of time for child care provider to assist the children to accomplish this task and not much learning taking place. 5. Columbia County school taxes are high, parents should not be burdened with providing this additional "Digital Learning" support. 6. Does Columbia County Board of Education really believe that care providers have enough computers to provide for the students. Lucky my care provider had a laptop and desk top computer but was unable to do her normal work/activities all day! Please seriously consider this project as a total failure!
Parent	We were not able to access class codes nor could we find out child's class on Google classroom. If a couple of hours of "instructional" time were equal to a full day of school, I am not sure that my children are receiving better educational opportunities in the public school system versus homeschooling. Digital learning is not appropriate for elementary school aged children. It would have been better for worksheets and instructions to come home the night before the day off and allow the parents to work with their children on a schedule that accommodated the family spending time together.

Parent	The county needs to issue computers to ALL students if this is going to be a standard. I understand that equipment pick up was available but again, this requires more time adjustments for parents. This county seems to take advantage of their population when it comes to technology.
Taxpayer	Please consult your experienced TEACHERS in each school as to how this digital day does or does not benefit learning. Parents' and citizens' input IS valuable, but teachers are tasked with teaching the material and guiding the students, so their input is most valuable.
Parent	Too much screen time for elementary.
Parent	The idea of digital learning day is good. However, put into practice it is not nearly as good an idea. I guess since it's a half day of school, it's probably more learning than they would get in class. But if we are actually judging quality of learning, it doesn't measure up to a regular day of education.
Parent	No more DLD, please. It is a waste of taxpayer money and time. Kids NEED to be in school, period.
Parent	We didn't need accommodations and the instructions were easy to follow, but, having 2 kids at home with the same hours or similar hours was hard because at the time we have 1 laptop. Our other computer broke the day before unexpectedly so it was who gets to do what and who doesn't. It isn't helpful for parents with multiple kids. Hard for working parents to be able to do this.
Parent	Innovative but missed the mark. Students were left home alone all day while both parents went to work. If any issues arose that students couldn't solve, parents had to assist from afar. This was highly ineffective. Teachers told students they 'didn't have to attend' as long as they completed their work which sabotaged the intent of DL from the beginning. Assignment requirements took much longer than stated intent so workload was intense compared to described goals. Our students spend enough time in front of screens. We need not continue to force screens upon our kids at every opportunity. Let them receive the much needed social interaction at school, even if it is for just a half day. Please reconsider the digital learning day.
Parent	As far as my 1st grader, I feel it was a waste of time as most of the time was getting the class in order and some technical difficulties. We could not access the connections recorded material and I believe she would have gotten more out of being in the classroom with the teacher face to face. In regards to my 6th grader, this definitely had a negative impact as she experienced frustration and stress due to unguided workload and is still trying to finish two subjects as she had to wait until return to school for assistance. This has given her major anxiety and a fear of failure. All DLD did for her was stress her out and bring her confidence level down which I am very upset about as she holds herself to high standards and has been seeing the school counselors since 1st grade to cope with. She needs in person learning with direct access to her teachers.
Taxpayer	It would be great if schools began focusing on education again. Enough of the political crap and just do your damn job.

Parent	I am a single mother, as well as a first responder. Digital learning day for my elementary child only took a toll on us. I have a demanding job and cannot take off work for "digital learning," when the same education can be done in a classroom setting like every day. Due to this I had to pay for additional babysitting, my child does not have a computer or tablet equipped to login to the system. The sitter is not computer savvy so she wouldn't of understood how to help my child. My child missed her work due to this as well as engaging herself in a classroom setting and learning in person. Covid set schools back enough. We do not need to push elementary children back into a school pandemic setting when it is not necessary.
Parent	As a single parent at home learning days are awful. The children in elementary can not operate by its self. The platforms are fault don't load, it creates a ton of homework. Way more than a half day of school. My children will NOT participate in an further at home learning days and I will gladly take the consequence for them.
Parent	My children will be absent on any future digital learning days. These kids spend too much time as it is in front of digital devices. They need to maximize in school time. This should be optional for those parents considering sheltering their kids at home away from the COVID hysteria. I can tell you that mine won't. If I'm staying home from work I'd rather teach them myself.
Parent	If digital learning days are going to be a new thing, my concern would primarily be for parents who do not have childcare. We are fortunate that one parent works from home but most are not. Also, my child has a computer but needed a webcam with microphone. He was able to borrow one from his dad, but many children may not have technology and parents may be too busy or financially strained to buy equipment.
Taxpayer	I don't have a child in the public school system, but if I did, I would not want him to be learning via digital learning days. I would prefer him to be connected to his teachers and peers in the classroom. And I'm sure not every student has the technology at home to learn digitally. Not to mention, technology doesn't always work correctly. And many parents can't be at home with their children to make sure they're getting online for their classes because they have to work. Why can't we just do traditional learning in the classroom? Technology isn't always better.
Parent	Support prior to the day was plentiful. It was everyone's first time. No one was quite sure what to expect, and participation and concentration weren't where they should have been but as these days are repeated experience will be gained. Any new project rollout will have bumps and hiccups. It's to be expected.
Parent	Had enough during Covid. My children need to be in person at school. Give lockers back too, they need somewhere for lunches and coats- minimally- how would you like to carry all that's required around with you all day???
Parent	Stop digital learning days
Parent	perfect before a weekend or before or after a holiday
Parent	My children were in two years of homeschooling due to Covid. This was biggest waste of a day I have ever witnessed. I lost 8 hours of pay and had to juggle the needs of five kids at once. I will not participate in these digital learning days again

Parent	This was a horrible idea! The teachers were still required to be at school, so just have the children there too. My youngest daughter is in elementary school and we both struggled on Friday. She did not complete the work until 1PM that day and we started on time. I was told it would work on a tablet but the children were taught on a computer and the lay-outs were different. Some of the “live” classes did not work which furthered the anxiety of my child. She is already fearing the digital learning day in March. And... I had to take the day off! Many families have 2 parents that work so when the county forces a digital learning 1 parent must stay home for younger children . It was a waste of time and our children learned nothing.
Parent	Digital learning is the wrong direction for student learning. Children, at all levels, need in person, hands on teachers/coaches. There is no substitute interpersonal relationships developed in the classroom between student and teacher. Classroom education enhances participation, attention, knowledge retention, engagement, behavior, etc. If saving money at the student’s expense is your goal then pursue digital learning. If you really care about American students you’d be paying more attention to curriculum and how it’s taught.
Parent	Non of my children will step foot in your school system. This school has been a large factor in the corruption of my kids. I feel everyone should be fired and start over. Your teachers act as if the students are part their college frat house. The things my children have learned from this school have scarred them deeply. This is a horrible school!!!! Noone cares about their teacher's sex lives and yet mine children had to hear about it. It is disturbing that the school has allowed this to happen. Columbia County should be ashamed!!
Parent	I’m pretty sure it was a waste of time in my childrens’ case.
Taxpayer	I can see where this could be a benefit in times of emergency or inclement weather, however I believe this type of learning places a burden on parents who work outside the home and have to arrange child care on the digital learning days.
Parent	My children did over a year if online schooling when we lived in California. All this did was cause bad feelings again. Our home is not a school. I refuse to make it into one. The small amount of time they were even online was useless. My 2nd grader was just annoyed at having to sit and listen to other kids be loud on our computer screen. My 7th grader did his work and pointed out he did it while the teacher was speaking. No reason to even log on. He didn’t need the instruction. Again I will say our home is not a school and we will not make it into one. Do better. The small amount time online was pointless.
Parent	No objectives met for my kids because they were virtual in a different state for a school year and the end of the previous school year.
Parent	My children both said they would much rather be in school. One child was done with her work in 2 hours and one child had more work than she would have at a typical day in school. Let our kids go to school to learn. Thank you!
Parent	I would like to see all Fridays offered as optional digital or LFH learning day and would also like connections to be optional so a child could have an option to be done with school by 1:00 each day (with proof of outside connections for example travel sports and music lessons etc.)
Parent	We had no issues in my house with on line learning. The Elementary teacher did a fantastic job practicing with her students and making sure they were comfortable. Everything went off without a hitch. And my middle school student already knew how to navigate and had zero issues.

Parent	My biggest concern was the amount of time in front of a screen that was necessary to complete the work. My kindergartner and 3rd grader sat in front of their computer for 3.5 hours watching a live video or recorded video and then doing work on that computer. I understand the need to know how to learn digitally but it was entirely too much time on a screen for little ones. They were completely over it by the time it was done. At the younger ages the time they get on the computer at school is plenty enough to learn. For middle school there was very little learning that took place.
Parent	Digital Learning Days May work better for middle school and high school but elementary students are building foundations in learning — they need in class instruction. As a parent, a digital learning day took a lot of preparation to execute (put in for time off, make sure internet and WiFi are working properly, put in work order with Comcast, dry run the day before to make sure my student knew what to do). Had I not been preparing, our internet would have worked and then what? In my opinion, the county is relying on too many outside resources to make digital learning a priority when we know that being in school works best.
Parent	We did not participate in the live DLD. We had to do the work later in the weekend. With that, several of the slides were unable to be completed. Yet, we are still marked absent. I spoke with numerous teachers who stated this was a lot more work than simply having their kids in the classroom. Also typical for CC they changed what was required of them at the last minute causing more work. I had to pay for childcare as did all of the teachers. Quite ridiculous and we refuse to support this. This initiative gives the county too much power and capacity to just shut down at their whim. I won't support that. I am thankful my MS student has already been pulled from the county and was in school learning!
Taxpayer	If children are going to be spending less time in schools we should be paying less taxes. At home learning is inconvenient for many people I know, they have to take time off work which takes away from their vacation time they could spend with their children outside of school. Is this an experiment to phase out schools? Parents are not certified to teach, so why do you expect them to do this at home with them? Covid is no longer an excuse.
Taxpayer	CCSD needs to focus on a classical education such as reading, writing, math, science and true American History.
Parent	My kids literally did nothing virtual. Just made sure their assignments were done that were given to them.
Parent	This was the worst move ever!! How are single working parents and even teachers supposed to do this!!?? Use common sense and think of the general public and not yourselves and saving a penny here and there. Were the bus drivers paid or did they lose money on their paychecks?? I pay enough in school taxes that this shouldn't have happened. You already give the kids too many days out of school that we have to juggle. Then this!! Daycares weren't even taking kids due to not enough electronics or staff to help. So where were the kids supposed to go when we work for a living??
Parent	There was very poor communication on what needed to be done and how to access the classes.
Taxpayer	My children graduated in 2020. The virtual classes started in March 2020 did not help kids in any way. In- person instruction is the way it should be. Digital/virtual learning is ineffective.

Parent	I believe that digital learning days should be optional or not take place at all. For elementary schoolers, it was especially hard to get all the kids to pay attention, and we could tell it was frustrating for the teachers as well. For the highschoolers, they were evidently told that they didn't necessarily need to check in to the zoom/Google meet up classrooms, and just did their work. We are not even sure if that is actually what was stated. It just seems to be very ineffective. We appreciate you giving us the opportunity to share our thoughts. Thank you.
Parent	I can see the value in a digital learning day for high school aged children. The skills used to get to the meetings and utilize the various programs/apps needed would be useful in college or some jobs. I have a kindergartener and second-grader. They are too young for a half-day of this to be anything other than a headache. It was on myself (before I left for work) and my husband (who gave up work for the day) to set everything up for them and monitor them. I would be okay with the trouble and missing some work time if I felt like they gained any skills or experience by doing digital learning but I don't.
Parent	This is not right. My kid GOES TO SCHOOL. There are a number of reasons why I do not homeschool. Parents have to work. This was way more work for me than what it was worth, he did not learn a thing. It was a waste of our time. Also he needs socialization. This does not meet any of our needs. Our tax dollars pay for school. Digital learning day is a waste of time and money and causes alot of un-needed stress and puts pressure on familys that shouldnt be there. If there is an inservice day school should be out. And to expect kids to make that up and give them until friday is ridiculous too. I get home from work, we have dinner.. take a shower have family time ans go to bed. I should not have to deal with apps and figuring out online crap and then fight with him to do work. This is ruining family relationships as well. We have 3 hours a night together as a family and you are taking that away from us.
Parent	I loved it and my child did really well with it. Embracing technology is needed and this gave the kids an opportunity to mix up the routine a little bit. Please keep it up.
Taxpayer	Digital learn days are extremely difficult for working parents. The expectations that parents who work should be required to teach their kids on these days is ludicrous. The amount of effort it requires for teachers is ridiculous and takes away from time they should be in the classroom teaching. Parents are required to take off, and teach their kids or oversee their kids when they could be in school for half the day. I heard nothing but negative things from parents who had to do this digital day. It wasn't simple and it was extremely difficult for a lot of parents who work. This also makes it very difficult for low income kids who don't have the laptops and everything else they need. It's also unfortunate for the kids who's parents won't take this seriously.
Teacher	I am a teacher and parent. My first grade daughter was not able to participate in live digital learning because both my husband and I had to work. I had to pay for her to attend daycare . I also feel as a teacher, this was not as effective as the students being at school. It required more planning and preparation for myself as well as my students' parents. Many of my students were not able to join us live and some that did had connection issues. One parent blamed me for this. I teach 5th grade, so the skills my students used digitally at home, were already skills they use on a daily basis in the classroom. I do not feel like we needed to have a designated digital learning day to practice those skills further. My hope is that these days are eliminated in the future.
Parent	DLD made absolutely no sense at all. Send the kids to school.

Parent	To say that kids need remote digital learning to acquire skills for the 21st century is not true. They use educational technology in the classroom on a regular basis. All of my kids assignments are issued and submitted through Google classroom, as well as having video lectures and PowerPoints to support the lesson. On digital learning day, the lesson was very short and there was very little interaction between teacher and students.
Parent	Better off with 1/2 days - wasted day for child with IEP who got no help
Parent	This is not a viable teaching method for young children. They don't learn well digitally, and it places undue burden on parents and educators.
Parent	I see this being a hardship for families with one or both parents working outside the home, childcare and such. It wasn't an issue of such for our family, with it being a Friday before a long holiday weekend and actually facilitated us starting vacation early- would love to see these scheduled similarly if having more in the fall. I didn't feel the learning was up to par with what they're actually covering in the classroom, they've brought home much more advanced content, but I understand that as well. Though somewhat disappointing that nothing was a challenge for them, I would've felt like a waste of time if I'd had to take off work for it. Why did we only use Google Meets, if we practiced on ClassLink/iReady prior to the DLD? Why not have us do assignments on those platforms, if that's what we'd need to use if suddenly sent home like a March 2020 setting? All in all, it wasn't a difficult situation given our stage of life (one parent in caregiver role), and one with Fridays off work, but if that scenario was different, I'm sure I'd be less supportive of how the DLD was spent.
Parent	These kids have missed out on so much in person school the last few years. If they can be in person then it's our responsibility to make that happen. I feel digital learning should only be used when absolutely necessary. One of our teachers even said, "It's great to see you all but I wish we were in person together." The teachers and staff did a fantastic job with what they had to work with but I don't feel it was necessary. Especially for elementary school kids.
Parent	It is too much to juggle 3 elementary aged children, borrowing of and setting up of laptops, managing other young children at home. I've heard and agreed with the statement that families with several children suffered with this day and it added significant stress to this day.
Parent	Took my student 3 hours to complete 2 subjects. I believe the learn from home should only be half days. Since previously they where schedule 1/2 days prior to holiday.
Parent	Some teachers took the whole time slot to teach and left no time to work on assignments. It made our day for the 5th grader way longer than a normal half day. Especially when they even get lunch on a half day.
Parent	My student woke up seconds before, sat there for two hours, got up and that was that. What did she learn?
Parent	I would have preferred the classes to be recorded and available through the weekend so we could have travelled that day.
Parent	Wasted time. Kindergartners belong in a physical classroom not behind a screen! Middle schoolers were left home alone for bs piddly buys work assignments. What a joke CCSD
Teacher	It was a waste of time. Total joke. Kids belong in school.
Taxpayer	Not sure why this was needed from Tax payer.. can't answer any questions.

Parent	First grade reading material was not appropriate. (The Donkey and the Wolf) It contained qualities of Deceit and Violence. It contained no redeeming qualities. Parents should have input into the types of reading materials that are offered to their child. Titles should be provided for parental review for both in class and online instruction.
Parent	Bad all the way around.
Parent	No parent I knew of wanted a digital learning day. Why does the school board do what it wants without listening to parents or putting to a vote important issues? You work for parents do your job.
Parent	I enjoyed the opportunity to participate in my child's education. This gave me the opportunity to see not only my child in class but the teacher as well. Our elementary children got a packet prior to the day and it was most helpful.
Parent	I think this was a ridiculous experiment especially for elementary students. As a parent I would have had to take work off and manage two young children on my own. One of which has an iep so I would have had to sit with her whole time while trying to help my kindergartner stay still and pay attention. No if you want to try this do it with children that can stay at home on their own. Dont make teachers and parents scramble to find child care or battle unreliable networks at home.
Parent	I really curious how my child's 504 and IEP is going to be implemented with these changes? How does the school board expect to accommodate families that can't afford laptops and internet access? Does the BOE take in consideration the psycho ramifications this has on children who need and thrive on socialization? How does the BOE expect parents to take off from work to be there for Digital Learning? What things will the BOE put in to help cater to families that can't afford to take of from their job?
Taxpayer	I'm a taxpayer who has been talking with parents about this day. The topic of concern was why this was decided, what couldn't be done in school vs parents taking off work, parents with multiple children unable to assist them or just not able to log on, and so much more. As a taxpayer and former district employee in another GA school district, we want to know what was the cost benefit to the county? If parents are taking unpaid leave, finding out about this less than a month ago, who is making up for their lost wages? And how does this benefit special education students who need accommodations or have no ability or need to learn the skills taught? After much discussion I agree that this should not have been expected of staff or parents. These skills could and should be taught in the classroom.
Parent	I am thankful to work fro home so out household was not disrupted too bad. I fee for the parents of elem school kids having to miss work to be home
Taxpayer	All this does and did was shut down the system for a day and get students et al. one step closer to accepting shut downs. The students need to be in an actual school building, with their peers, working on social skills, perseverance, classroom discussion...
Parent	I would like the CCBOE to review each objective and do an analysis for elementary, middle and High schools each. I would like the CCBOE to also assess how many parents had to supervise more them one student and determine if that is a factor in the level of success. Ultimately, I would like to know the objectives that can only be obtained through digital learning. For example, new tools could be taught to students during in person learning. I would like the CCBOE to not put their heels in in pride and actually make adjustments with the best interest of our children in mind.
Parent	This is not a good use of taxpayer funds.

